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Addendum

1. With reference to paragraph 31 of my main report (S/1997/742), I wish to inform the Security Council that the full cost of completing the identification process as described in paragraphs 29 and 30 of the report is projected at some $20.8 million. This provides for the preparation and emplacement of identification staff and civilian police and equipment, the operation of up to nine identification centres and for the expansion of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) to implement the identification process by 298 civilian personnel, including 72 identification staff, and 81 civilian police.

2. A breakdown of the estimated costs by main categories of expenditure is provided, for information purposes, in the annex to the present addendum.

3. It would be my intention to propose to the General Assembly, should the Security Council decide to approve my recommendation that the costs relating thereto should be considered an expense of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations and that the assessments to be levied on Member States should be credited to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

Annex

United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara: cost estimates for the completion of the identification process

(Thousands of United States dollars)

		Total cost
1.	Military personnel costs	-
2.	Civilian personnel costs	12 380
3.	Premises/accommodation	1 040
4.	Infrastructure repairs	-
5.	Transport operations	1 200
6.	Air operations	1 100
7.	Naval operations	-
8.	Communications	2 160
9.	Other equipment	820
10.	Supplies and services	170
11.	Election-related supplies and services	-
12.	Public information programmes	-
13.	Training programmes	-
14.	Mine-clearing programmes	-
15.	Assistance for disarmament and demobilization	-
16.	Air and surface freight	20
17.	Support account for peacekeeping operations	-
18.	Staff assessment	1 880
	Total, lines 1-18	20 770